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For: A Method for Optimizing the Debarking Result
of Logs Debarked in a Debarking Drum

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The listed documents arose in the course of prosecution of the corresponding priority application in Finland. In the Finnish Search Report, documents D1-D5 were listed in Category "Y". During prosecution document D6 was cited by a third party.

Applicant requests that the examiner assigned to the subject application take into account that the claims presented for examination in the U.S. differ from the claims against which the documents D1-D6 were cited in the Finnish application.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,247,978	10/28/1993	Silenius et al			
	5,274,244*	12/28,1993	Johansson et al			

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		Metso Paper Pori Oy (Selected Presentation Materials)
		Finnish Search Report for Application No. 20025065 (and Translation)

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